

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:165
ANSWERED ON:14.03.2002
BAN ON OBSCENE PROGRAMMES ON CABLE T.V.
HARIBHAU MAHALE;NAGMANI

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

to the reply given to Starred Question No. 297 on March 16, 2001 and state:

- (a) whether Fashion T.V. Channel (FTV) is still operating on cable T.V.;
- (b) whether obscene programmes are continuously being telecast on this channel violating the programme code under Cable Television Networks (Reg.) Act, 1955;
- (c) if so, the action taken by the Government against the channel and the impact on the children and adolescents;
- (d) the number of such channels approved by the Union Government; and
- (e) the efforts being made by the Government to have a check on such channels keeping in view our culture and tradition?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 165 FOR ANSWER ON 14/03/2002

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b), & (c) : The programmes telecast on satellite channels when distributed through cable network are required to subscribe to the Programme Code laid down in the Cable Television Networks(Regulation) Act, 1995 and the Rules framed thereunder. In case of violation of the provisions of the Act and Rules, action is required to be taken by the authorised officers viz. the District Magistrates, Sub-Divisional Magistrates, Commissioners of Police and such other officers as are notified by the Central/State Governments.

(d): Satellite channels are received directly by Multi Service Operators (MSOs) and Cable Operators and distributed through the cable networks. No approval from the Government is required for down-linking of such channels.

(e): The Government has constituted a Committee of Officers from the Ministries of Information & Broadcasting, Home Affairs, External Affairs, Defence and Law to render advice, where the Central Government considers such advice to be essential and / or desirable, on action to be taken in case of a specific complaint regarding any programme of any channel not being in conformity with the prescribed Programme Code.